danger of its depreciating, or that its weight

be increased sufficiently to keep it at par

Secretary Schurz, it is reported, has ad subject of the reports of General Sheridan and General Gibbon, in which serious charges are made against the management of Indian affairs. Secretary Schurz reviews these reports and asks that proof of the charges contained in both reports be furnished. He takes it for granted that an officer of General Sheridan's high character would not incorporate such charges in his report unless he had ample proof to back them up. Secretary McCrary refers the letter to General Sherman, who will forward copies to Generals Sheridan and Gibbon for reply. Secretary Schurz's letter is no doubt calculated to widen the breach already existing between the Indian Bureau and officers of the Army on the subject of Indian

It is believed in Berlin that a plot exists for the assassination of all the Sovereigns of Europe. A Naples dispatch says that letters were found at Passamante's abode showing his intimate relations with the In-

Ten clerks in the Post-office Department, whose appointments are accredited to Gen. Butler, have been removed from office, and it is understood that other department clerks placed in office by Gen. Butler's influence

Judge Buckner, Chairman of the House correspondent, as expressing the opinion that no legislation unfavorable to the silver dollar will be entertained by the Committee, but believes, on the contrary, that free

The estimates of the Secretary of the Treasury for the support of the Government for the fiscal year ending June, 1880, are, other than for permanent annual appropriations, \$129,197,812; for permanent annual appropriations, \$145,939,038. These estimates show a reduction of \$5,551,545 from those of 1879. Among the decreased sums asked for is \$3,292,000 for rivers and harbors, against \$8,307,000 the present fiscal

### WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

William Love, a well known real-estate in the Court-house at Indianapolis, Ind., on the 19th. Love had been called upon, as a witness to impeach Tate's testimony. Af during which the former called the latter a llar, under which provocation Tate drew a revolver and shot Love twice, the first shot taking effect in the leg and the latter in the abdomen. The wounded man only lived about three hours. Tate was arrested and

investigate personally the reported cases of violence in various parishes in the State during the election, "with a view of vindicating people when accusations are false and of insuring a faithful and impartial execution of justice if the law has been violated." It is asserted that Gov. Nicholls's course is not influenced by threats of Federal interference, but is prompted by a sincere desire to secure equal justice and equal rights to all classes of citizens. The report of Col. Zacharie heretofore published, it is explainome weeks prior to election.

Gov. Emery, of Utah, in his annual report recommends that woman suffrage in the Territory be abolished, that polygamy be declared a continuous offense, based on corabitation rather than the marriage ceremo ny, as now provided by the United States law, and that a change be made in the present system of jury drawing, under which

Williams, now in jail at Terre Haute, Ind., awaiting trial, proves to be one Charles Harmon, of Darwin, Ill., where he has have been married to wives in Texas, California, and Missouri, two in Illinois, and two in Indiana, all living. He married under various names, so that the full extent of Juan Antonio Hernandez, a Mexican, was banged recently at Refugio, Texas. His

James A. McKinney, a hotel-keeper at Sherman, Texas, on the 19th shot and morcold blood, the only incentive being the husband's unfounded tealousy of his wife. The couple formerly lived in Lexington, Mo.

Some two months ago John Taylor, his wife and two children, accompanied by Miss Clutz, a young lady, left Springfield, Mo., hostile Cheywere captured by the were has just communicated to her friends the particulars of her terrible experience, to-

geiher with the sad fate of the Taylor family.
Two young children of a colored residing in Kansas City, Mo., were burned to death on the 21st. Their mother locked them in the house when she went out to do a day's washing, and during her absence somebody in his corn-crib, stealing the house caught fire and was burned to the

were 30 men in the mine at the time of the

nd several others badly intured.

The United States Grand Jury at Chicago have returned indictments against a large struction of the Custom-house there, for conspiracy to defraud the Government. Among the persons named in the judictment are James G. Hill, Supervising Architect of the Treasury; Busling, ex-Superintendent of Construction; Wm. A. Potter, ex-Supervising Arand reputed partner; Geo. J. Reed, Mueller's foreman; Alexander C. Wheaton, ex-

one Impector, and Geo. C. Prussing, ex- respects, except cost, far more desirable. Assistant Superintendent of Construction. The mail-oach from Fort McKinney was robbed by 60 masked highwaymen, 21 erland, has undertaken to send a copy miles north of Fort Fetterman, on the 22d. of the New Testament to each school-The mail-bags were ripped open and their aluable conters taken, and the two pas-

# CHARITON COURIER.

KEYTESVILLE, CHARITON COUNTY, MO., SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1878. VOLUME VII.

Stephen Griffee was hanged at Newport. Tenn., on the 22d, for the crime of rape. EAST AND SOUTHEAST.

Reed Whipple, clerk to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Philadelphia Union League Club, has disappeared, leaving a letter in which he confesses to having used \$35,000 belonging to the club. Senator Gordon of Georgia has been re-

A duel between Judge O. P. Morton, of the Milton County Court, and a one-armed gentleman named Calhoun, is reported as

baving occurred recently at Colquitt, Ga. Morton was badly, but not fatally, ounty, S. C., have been arrested on a charge of resisting the process of the United States

The Supreme Court of Florida has ordered the counting of the disputed precincts in Alachua County, which will elect Bisbee, Republican, to Congress, by a majority of

A party of United States revenue officers under command of Capt. Hooffman are re-Abbeville County, S. C., and forced to withdraw. Commissioner Raum has ordered that Capt. Hooffman be reinforced sufficient ly to overcome all opposition in executing

### FOREIGN.

The British advance in force upon Af-ghanistan began on the 20th, that being the date fixed upon as a limit to await a reply from the Ameer to England's ultimatu A correspondent telegraphed from Peshawur on the 21st: "Traveling from Thull vesterday I passed Khurum. The force was advancing. Thirty-two miles of the road was covered with troops, elephants, camels and cattle. The Pesbawur force is marching on Jamrood. The Ameer is again spreading the report that the Russians will

defend Candahar." The northern portion of South America has again suffered severely from one of those fearful periodical storms which are indigenous to that volcanic region. The town of Manzanilla, New Grenada, is this time one Committee on Banking and Currency, is re-ported, in an interview with a Washington several lives being lost and much property destroyed. The full extent of the destruction caused by the earthquake is not yet known, but it is feared that great havoc has occurred in remote regions in New Grenada, where communication with the larger cities

is uncertain and infrequent. Appalling distress and destitution exits among the mechanics and laborers of Sheffield, England, in consequence of the busi-ness depression. Hundreds exist in tenements without clothing or furniture, which has been sold or pawned to procure food They are without fuel and entirely dependent upon the charity of neighbors. The Mayor has called a public meeting to devise

easures of relief. During an interdicted Polish demonstration at Lemberg, on the 17th, 13 persons were killed by the police in dispersing the prothe most influential citizens of the town. near Paris, on the 21st, on account of some offensive remarks made by the former in the Assembly regarding the latter. Pistols United States Minister Welch on the 21st paid over to her Majesty's Government a

Charles W. Angell, the defaulting and abonding Secretary of the Pullman Palace Car Company, at Chicago, has been ar , Portugal, and \$80,000 found in his

draft for \$5,500,000, being the full amount

The British troops assaulted Fort Ali Musjid with artillery on the 22d, but were fort and from infantry posted in command-ing positions, which forced a suspension of hostilities at dark. During the night, however, the garrison abandoned the fort, plies, together with their wounded, and on the following day the invaders took peaceable possession. The British suffered con-

iderable loss in the engagement Parliament will be summoned to meet or

The Marquis of Lorne and the Princes the 23d, after a somewhat tempestuous voyage. The public reception took place on the 25th, and was a very grand affair, the whole city being decorated with flags and

The National Grange of Patrons of Hus bandry met on the 20th at Richmond, Va. in twelfth annual session, 25 States being represented. The reports of the officers show the order in a flourishing condition C. K. Garrison has been elected President

of the Wabash Railway Company, vice James A. Roosevelt, resigned. the National Committee of the National party, at Washington, on the 30th of No

documents upon which he based his charges of maladministration in the Indian Bureau, which provoked a somewhat caustic lette from Secretary Schurz. From this publication it appears that the statements originally made by Gen. Pope, and indorsed terior Department, in ordering the transfer whole Scotch fleet secured but six of the Kiowa and Comanche Indians from while it rendered necessary an outlay of tens of thousands of dollars for the preparation of Wichita Agency to receive the Inerty unoccupied and useless. Several other instances of the removal of Indians are noted, the only apparent object of which was to

-A farmer named Dakill, who lived corn. He hastily grabbed his gun to go in pursuit of the supposed thief, but in his hurry the hammer of the gun struck mine at Sullivan, Ind., on the 21st. There a chair, causing one barrel to be disand it was found that the load of bucknoise was occasioned by a cow becom-

diminution in the number of childrenespecially those between 12 and 14-Edward This is due to the rigorous enactments for their protection, in carrying out which the inspectors of factories are aided by the police. Employers find, too, that adult labor can now be obtained at rates not much above those that are paid to children, and is in all

teacher in France. It will require 80,- In New England 460 bushels of shoe- dent that she will "pass" anywhere. - This shows where electricity gains; for

### ITEMS OF INTEREST.

-Mrs. Bayard Taylor has written a short German story for an American

-Tenniel, the great cartoon artist of Punch, is taking his first vacation in

-Mr. D. G. Rossetti sold his picture of "Venus Astarte" for more than \$10,-000 before it was out of hand.

-Miss Marion Booth, the niece of Edwin Booth, and who is supporting the tragedian this season, is not yet 17. —Bret Harte has a completed story called "The Great Deadwood Mystery" in the December number of Scribner's Monthly

-Stanley is drawing immense audiences in London, his listeners being so much interested as to give him their at-

—Charles Reade is not the only litter-ateur who writes with his left hand. R. H. Stoddard, the poet, is forced to use his left, his right being paralyzed. -Miss Ida North, formerly State Librarian of Iowa, has opened an office in Des Moines, where she offers her aid to

lawyers in consulting legal works. -Chopin's last wish was that his heart should be taken from France to Warsaw, and this has just been done. A marble monument is to be erected

-Clara Morris's name is really Morrison, but a typographical error in the play bill which first presented her name left the on off, and she adopted the

-Edgar Fawcett, the poet, has written a genuine American blank-verse tragedy, entitled "Arnold and Andre," which is said to be a strong play and a fine literary production.

-Miss Lavina Goodell, the Wisconsin lawyer, is mentioned as a slender woman, whose hair is gray, but not with years, and whose tollet is without eccentricity, as her manner is without -Wilkie Collins is "a little, short,

stout man, with very timid manners, and "a martyr to rheumatic gout," and "a most disappointing man in appearance." That is Rose Eytinge's verdict

-Mrs. Tennyson, the wife of the poet, is and has long been an invalid. A great part of the time she reclines on sofa in her drawing-room, where she receives their guests and delights all by the wit, grace and cleverness of her

#### School and Church. -There are 1,331 students in the

Michigan University. -After using "Watts' Hymns"

This department will cost the city nothing. The classes meet every Saturday

-The Free Church of Scotland has received a bequest of \$135,000 for missionary purposes. The general opinion of the Church is that the money ought to be used in reinforcing the missions in India.

-- Dr. Pusey admits to the Archbishop of Canterbury that for 40 years he has been receiving confessions from all who came to confess to him. Many of these people came habitually, and some now living have been in the habit of coming for 35 years.

-The University of Chicago is a Baptist institution. Debt has kept it lame a long time. Nine months ago Dr. Galusha Anderson became its President, and of its bonded debt of \$174,000, \$74,000 was forgiven it on condition of the payment of the \$100,000 within one To meet this and a floating debt of \$50,000, the President divides it all into 1,500 shares and calls for 1,500 friends, or less, to exchange money for the same within 90 days. The plan deserves full success, certainly.

-The editor of the American Builder in looking over the statistics of education in the United States, observes some facts which strike him as carious; for instance, that while there are 579 colleges, universities, law, medical, and theological schools, there are only 83 scientific education, including all schools of design, mining, and engineering. as numerous as the engineering, scientific, and mechanical schools: wonder," he remarks, "that many trained preachers in this country go hungry to bed while thousands of enterfloundering in a sea of ignorance in

### search of higher scientific attainments. Science and Industry

-Little Rock is said to have a \$75, 000 cotton compress. -This country manufactured 100,

000,000 shoes last year. -No season within memory has been o unfortunate for the Greenland whaling fleet as that just passed. The

ed by fruit-growing. Small fruits are its chief abundance. The past season, the money received from blackberries

-England is beginning to receive meat from Southern Russia, and a representative of a German house has in vaded Sheffield and is offering scissors and such like goods, serviceable and well finished articles, at from 15 to 40

\$46,760, raspoerries, \$15,120,

-The manufacture of jewelry from the pure blood of the ox is said to be flourishing in Germany. The blood is dried, reduced to a powder, and then molded and polished. The ornaments

Germany have made steady progress during the past year, notwithstanding the general stagnation in business number has reached 3,300, with more than a million members, and the business transacted exceeds \$600,000,-Their capital in stock, buildings, and other property and in cash resources is estimated to be in the neigh borhood of \$40,000,000.

-Machinery for shoemaking pro duces marvelous results. One class of machines sewed last year 45,000,000 pairs of shoes, while another pegged be treated?" 55,000,000 pairs in the same time. men can make 600 pairs of shoes a day.

worth of pegs will peg four pairs of shoes. There are 576 patents on shoe-pegs and peggers, and 2,000 on shoe machinery. Machinery turned out over machinery. Machinery turned out over two million shoe-lasts in the United States last year.

Haps and Mishaps -Miss Martha Brown, of Goochland County, Va., was gored to death by a

-Wm. Smith was accidentally shot by a man named Johnson, while hunting, near Wilmington, O. Smith died

-John Kiefer, a well known citizen of Newport, Ky., was fatally scalded by falling into a distillery vat filled with boiling mash. He only lived 24 hours. -A man named Stagle was shot and mortally wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of Lou Reddick, near Seymour, Ind.

—A young lady named Miss Taylor, living in Nicholas County, Ky., was shot through the under-jaw by a re-volver which her lover, named Ganvee, accidentally dropped from his pocket as he was ardently prosecuting his suit. -Sanford Cummings, a young man residing at Fortville, Ind., robbed the noney-drawer in his uncle's store, and

being detected, cut his throat and died

-Edward Kittridge, brakeman on the Texas Central Railroad, while throwing a switch in the yard at Dallas, got his oot caught in a frog, and the engine assed over him, cutting both legs off. -May Woods, an interesting child of

years, was shot through the neck and robably fatally wounded by Alonzo Renshaw, a clerk in a store at Elm Grove, W. Va., while the latter was fooling with a revolver.

-At St. Paul, Minn., Otto Montgomery, becoming discouraged, shot himself through the head, inflicting a severe, but not immediately fatal, wound. He was attended by his son, aged 20, and, during the night, while the latter was standing by his father's bed, he fainted from exhaustion and dropped a lighted lamp upon the bed, which set fire to the clothing. The fa-ther was burned to a crisp in bed. The son revived and rushed into the street, where his burning clothes were extintally burned, dying on the following

Foreign Notes. -German papers say that socialistic editors and politicians, sentenced to imprisonment, have been seen, during their conveyance to their places of con their conveyance to their places of con finement, chained and handcuffed to the most been revealed. abandoned type.

-The Crown Princess af Germany is their public services for 114 years, the about to send her son on a voyage North Middleboro (Mass.) Congregator around the world, and she has packed tional Church is to adopt a new hymn- with her own hands each of his trunks, besides selecting his library, which con--The ladies of Syracuse, N. Y., are tains, among other things, Shakspeare and Sir Walter Scott.

Versailles fete consumed 2,000 bottles of champagne, 1,000 of claret, 2,000 litres of punch, 2,400 litres of sirup and iced coffee, 4,000 cups of chocolate, 20,-000 cakes, 20,000 sandwiches and rolls 400 partridges, 500 fowls, 50 hams, and 200 pounds of candy.

-The latest story about Bismarck is that he is as autocratic in social as in political affairs, and has procured the removal of Count Karolyi, the Austrian wife excited the jealousy of Princess Bismarek by dividing the honors of the eading position in Berlin society with Lady Odo Russell, and bringing all Berlin to her feet, even to the Emperor William, by her beauty, amiability and

-Our "eldest daughter of England, the Crown Princess of Germany, always employs an English lady to look after her Royal Highness's wardrobe don, and elsewhere, for the purpose of choosing dresses, underclothing, and all other articles for the Princess's wear. When not moving from place to place, her duties are to see that every thing is in perfect order. Several gentlewomen in succession have held this office, and the last three have ended by marrying Counts. This should be encouraging

news for intending lady-helps. -A Neopolitan Journal gives an in-teresting account of the daily life of is to be carried down to the seashore holds the heat, and gives enough of early in the morning, and to spend it to cook beefsteak or make hours in the contemplation of the sea. tea, soup, or coffee. I am not yet positive about it. It may prove a failhave a fine, powerful voice, joins occa- justifies me in saying that it bids fair to prising mechanics and artisans are sionally. He has taught his daughter

-A growing evil-that clothing won't grow with the grower. -The letter D is truly an old een following the C for years.

-The favorite dish with impecunious wells is woocock on trust. -An instance of natural selection The monkey married the baboon's

-A perspicuous Vermont legislator said in a speech: "My wife, who is a

-Motto for a dyer's establishment: Morituri Salutamus, "we who are about to dye salute you." The man who is resolutely bent on

at all times having his will, should remember that a hog is never so happy as when he has his swill. -The man who hasn't money to buy an overcoat this winter can console him-

self with the reflection that he had lots

of fun at his last picnic the past sumseason in women's toggery and 347 shades of blue about the husband and father who foots the dry goods and mil-

-" Adversity, "says a Western preach er, "takes us up short, and sets us down

hard; and when it is done, we feel as and set away to cool." ...The editor who takes all the adver tisements out in trade will be gratfied to learn that a new pill, just patented, will keep a man alive a whole week without eating. All he wants now to make him happy is a liver sirup that will make a

suit of clothes last for 75 years. -At a recent examination in the Free Academy, one of the questions on the paper was, "What is a participle?" and the one following, "How should it be treated?" To this a deferential younglady made answer on her paper, light of 550 candies instead of lifteen. "With the utmost respect." It is evi-

DAYLIGHT AT MIDNIGHT.

Mr. Edison's Latest Experiments With the Electric Light.

[From the New York Sun.] Grimy and sooty, Thomas Edison yes-terday descended from his Menlo Park laboratory. All his time and energy are now bent toward the developme of the electric light. His eyes are bright and restless, and his motions quick and impulsive. It is easy to see that his thoughts are with his experiments when talking on the most commonplace sub-jects. "The thing is opening up before me," he says, "and I am daily making new and most important discoveries." He seems like a man walk-

ng in another world. When asked concerning the report that an examiner in the Patent-office had rejected his application for a patent upon a divisible electric light on the ground that it is an infringement upon an invention made by John W. Starr, of Cincinnati, in 1845, he said that it could not be true. "Prof. Morton, in an article printed in the Sun last week, spoke of that invention," he says. "The patent was taken out in England by a Mr. King, who was Starr's patent solicitor. It was for an electric lamp. The light came from incandescent carbon, and was identical with the light

now on exhibition in New York by Sawyer & Mann." Here Mr. Edison referred to Prof Morton's article, which described the Starr light as consisting "of an airtight glass vessel, within which a small rod of platinum or carbon was so placed that it could be heated intensely by the passage of an electric current. The air was removed from within the vessel, in case a carbon rod was used, to prevent its combustion."

Mr. Edison says his invention is different. "I can't patent the divisibility of the electric light," he adds: "but I can patent the means that allows it. In other words, I can patent a lamp, or any device that will make this division. My application for a patent for a lamp is already before the Commissioner, and is taking its regular course. According to the rules of the Patent office nothing concerning it can be divulged. I have and that is all I have heard. One thing is certain. My application does not conflict with with Starr's invention. I have already received seven patents bearing on the electric light, and have filed three caveats. Five more similar applications are now under way. I have had a man in the Astor Library search the French and English patent records and scientific journals from the

Scientific journals," says Mr. Edison, "frequently pick me up on mis-statements by reporters. For instance, one of your attaches some time ago represented me as saying that I could produce 10,000 lights with one electric machine. He misunderstood me. I meant that I could produce 10,000 lights from to 50 machines in each station. If you remember, I propose to light cities from electric stations, the wires covering so many blocks. There is a vast difference

in the two statements. "Now," continued Mr. Edison, "I find the scientific journals going for me on the idea of the supplying power. I fully understand and know that there is an enormous loss in transforming steam power into electric power, but if I can sell the latter power for three times more than the original cost of the steam power, there is a good profit notwithstanding this loss. To illustrate: With the same wires used for the electric light I could put electric power into a private house that would run a sewing machine. Now, the loss in furnishing this power might be 75 per cent., but if I could get 10 cents a day for supplying the power to run each machine I should

make an enormous profit." "Do you mean to tell me that yo. can supply this power with the same engines, the same electric machines, and the s me-wires that you would use to produce the electric light?" I asked.
"I mean just that," answered the Professor, smiling, "and if I am not mistaken in the purport of my experiments, I mean to say that I can and heat private houses and supply elec-tric power for sewing or other machines with the same telegraphic circuit. I have made a discovery think I can concentrate and use the Gen. Garibaldi, his daughter, and his electric heat which has heretofore been son-in-law at Caprera. According to wasted. My discovery is a substance this account, Garibaldi's chief pleasure which, placed between two metal plates,

sic, in which Garibaldi, who is said to ure, but the result of my experiments be a success. We know that we can several of the songs he learned in America, and is said to take a special delight in listening to them.

transform electricity into heat, light and motive power. There is less loss in turning it into light and heat than in making it a motive power. The loss in the motive power is considerable, and is probably due to defects in the electric machine. The loss in transforming electricity into light and heat is incon-

Here Mr. Edison folded his arms and relapsed into a brown study. The elec-tric light was recalled, and he resumed the conversation. "The success of the light," he said, "is assured. Why, if I not mistaken in my experiments this far, I can go to New York and buy gas from the gas companies at the rate they are selling it at, and through the use of a gas-engine turn it into motive power for the production of e ectricity, and transform the electricity into light ing a better light, more of it, and fully as cheap, if not cheaper, than the original gas light. This is no more wo derful than what was done by Prof. Apony with a German electro-machine driven by a five-horse petroleum engine. I read it in the Sun. The engine consumed a little over six and a half pounds of crude petroleum per hour. It pro-duced a stream of electricity having an illuminating power three times greater

than that of the petroleum used."

Mr. Edison reflected a moment, and then said: " Now, write this down as I give it to you. It is a law that I have figured out and verified. Take a gas et having ten inches of radiating surface, burning five feet of gas an hour, giving a light equal to fifteen candles. radiating surface of this gas jet could, by any possible means, be re-duced from ten inches to an eighth of an inch without losing any heat, the temperature of this surface would be electric candle, or a light equal to the

light of 550 candles. "In other words," continued Mr. Edison, "if it were possible to concenwhile it is not possible to concentrate Hawkeye,

the gas jet, keeping all the heat in it, you can turn it into electricty, and practically concentrate it by the use of A "Muchacho" of the Mexican Camp His name was Estaban Avilla, and he was called "for short," "Banito."

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We became acquainted one afternoon

side reading them. A step pausing be-side me, and a shadow falling across my

of a live-oak tree lying black across it, he stopped and looked back, his little,

It took me some time to climb the

ture of you," I said. (The Mexican children play with those of the Cornish

"Come where I can sit in the shade,"

said, "and bring my stool."

I left the little camp-stool in the mid-

ile of the road and walked on slowly,

him in the neck with a sheep-burr.

under the shadow of the high, bare

The mother, leaning over the railing,

The mother, leaning order, had told me all their names. She, too,

boys do not look as happy as Francisco

come. He looked merry, wild and dir-

ly assisted to do so by all her neighbors)

"Was she not a Cornish girl?"

"No," she said; "I'm English."

" No, ma'am. I ain't a 'Merican.

Another little girl coughed and looked as if she had been ill. She told me

they "was allays sick back there," and

coming to the mine-she only answer-

ed my repeated questions with: "Oh in a kind o' brown house back there."

the last hill, scampered off to welco

it on its arrival, in company with the

Banito looked wistfully after them

igs, or two paper bags of stale candy at the store. A Cornish lad might put

t in a tin bank until Christmas and the

When I was making Banito's portrait,

he held a dark little object by a string; —it was a "horned toad." They are

strange little creatures-so delicately

made, yet so roughly carved and fret

ted; so still, sometimes for long min-

utes, that they might indeed be carved

stone or fretted bronze; then, at a sud-

-Snodgrass says that two young la

uen should do unto them.

running sewing-machines.

new stock of toys arrived, but a Mexi-

but with the prospect of "two bits" resigned himself to five minutes longer.

Perhaps you are an American.'

when I tried to find out where

was born down to San Jose."

"Were you not born at the mine

had said Francisco was very

could not see any of it in his face.

comrades as if he were sure of a

porch of their "casa."

der a torn hat-brim.

come down.

a gas engine. If the gas men could concentrate their gas jets there would be no use for an electric light. They furnish 90 per cent. of heat, which you don't want, to give 10 per cent. of light. When you turn the gas into electricity you get 90 per cent. of light and only 10 per cent of heat." Mr. Edison then retired to his labora-

tory. All visitors and inquirers concerning the electric light are now referred back to the office of the company in this city. The Professor will see onthem. The preparations for the decisive experiment at Menlo Park are all well under way. The engine house is roofed and the engine at the railroad depot. The wires will probably be up within six weeks, and midnight at Menlo Park will be flooded with daylight.

## Conclusions Reached by the Yellow-Feyer Commission.

The following report of the Yellow-fever Commission was presented by Dr. Bemis to the Public-Health Association

n session at Richmond, Va.: The yellow fever was imported into New Orleans by the steamship Emily Souder in the month of May. The Commission visited various infected points in the Mississippi Valley, and found as the result of their investication sad neglect and violation of the laws of health in regard to drainage, inattention to deposits of fetid matter and refuse animal and vegetable matter, and inattention to the purity of drinking water.

1. We have not in a solitary instance found a case of yellow fever which we could justifiably consider as of de novo origin-indigenous to its locality. 2 In respect to most of the various towns which we visited, and which were

points of epidemic prevalence, testimo ny showing the importation was direct and convincing in its character. 3. The transmission of yellow fever between points separated by any considerable distances appeared to be whooly due to human intercourse. In some instances the poison was carried in clothing or about the people going into infected districts. In others it was conveyed in such fomites as cetton bag-

ging or other goods of same description.
4. The weight of the testimony is very pronounced against the further use of disinfectants. Physicians in infected towns almost without exception state that they are useless agents to arrest the spread of yellow fever, while some of them affirm that their vapors are seriously prejudicial to the sick.

5. Personal prophylaxis by means of drugs or other therapeutic means has proved a constant failure. A respectable number of physicians think that the

ble number of physicians think that the small doses of quinine of some use in 6. Quarantines established with such my shy little model might be undisturb.

### have effectually and without exception protected its subjects from yellow fever.

A Nervy Climber. During the hurricane of two weeks ago the cross on the towering spire of Peter's (P. E.) Church, at Pine and Third Streets, was bent over, and for the past 10 days workmen have been engaged in replacing it. The height of steeple is 218 feet and 6 inches, the top of which is surmounted with a globe 2 feet 6 inches in diameter, and on this rests a cross 7 feet in height, with arms extending 4 feet. Both of these pieces are secured to the spire by the aid of an iron rod 24 inches thick inserted into them and extending down the inside of

too, had laughed. I asked Francisco where he kept all his badness, for I he steeple about 40 feet. The gale struck the spire with such terrific force as to bend the rod which holds the globe and cross to such an extent that they both hung as if about to drop to the ground. In order to rety. I dare say he tore his clothes, and store the pieces to proper position it bewas a sad trouble to his mother. A litcame necessary to remove them from tle girl who jogged my elbow and was invited to move further off (and cordial the rod, take the rod down, straighten it, and hoist it into its former place. In order to accomplish this dflicult task, which was performed by a rigger named Howard, a piece of timber was run out at the opening in the spire about fifty feet from the top. To this pulleys were attached by means of which a stout spar, with another pulley and rope atached to the spar, was drawn up and lashed to the spire. Having made the spar secure, the rope attached to it was fastened around a man and made to perform the double duty of elevating him and another spar, which, in turn, was made fast to the preceding spar. In this manner four spars were lashed to each other and made fast to the spire by ropes binding them to the latter,

above the top of the spire. Then began the task of replacing the globe and cross. First the rope was placed around the body of the daring workman, and with four pairs of brawn arms he was hauled to the dizzy height, and there tied himself secure to the spar. Then the rope was lowered and the large ball hoisted and placed in position, and in like manner the cross, while the breathless crowd watched the movements of the rigger and speculated The dangerous task, however, was acdent, and now the cross occupies its airy position as if it had never been dis-

### A Railway Temperance Lecture.

turbed.—Philadelphia Record.

"Twenty years ago," said the pa ger with the red ribbon in his buttonole, "I knew that man whom you saw get off at the last station. He was a young man of rare promise, a college graduate, a man of brilliant intellect and shrewd mercantile ability. Life dawned before him in all the glowing colors of fair promise. He had some money when he left college. He invested it in business and his business prospered. He married a beautiful girl who bore him three lovely chil-

the wood-box: "All at one time?" The red-ribbon passenger: "No, in biennial installments of one. No one dreamed that the poor-house would ever be their home. But in an evil hour, the young man yielded to the tempter. He began to drink beer. He liked it and enormously increased, and would give drank more. He drank and encoural light equal to that of a Joblochkoff aged others to drink. That was only fourteen years ago, and he was a pros perous wealthy man. To-day where is The clergyman in the front seat, sol

emnly: "A sot and a beggar." The red-ribbon man, disconsolately "Oh, no; he is a Member of Congress I've figured this out and verified it. and owns a brewery worth \$50,000." Sometimes it will happen that way,

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### A Grateful Acknowledgment.

[From the New Orleans Times, Nov. 10.] face a visitation such as has just passed on the road to the Mexican camp. I had just met Tommy Job (a Cornish lad who brought our milk in the morning and our mail in the afternoon) and certain that we can not for a moment taken from him two or three letters, and while we live forget the splendid exhibition of sympathy which the North and West, by one common and spontaneous impulse, has lavished upon us in our desolation. No grander spectacle than this has embellished the history of manpage, I looked up and saw a pair of black eyes looking down. Banito did not want to read my letters—he thought I was drawing, and all the miners' children in both the Cornish and Mexican kind. There has been nothing in it of dren in both the Cornish and Mexican camps felt at liberty to look over my shoulder when I was sketching. I don't think I ever invited them to do so. They did it quite naturally, regarding it perhaps as part of that winds to look over my shoulder when I was sketching. I don't think I ever invited them to do so of love. No one can think of it a strength of the winds of love. No one can think of it a it, perhaps, as part of that right to life, moment without feeling his heart melt within him and throb to a quicker and which most of them were born. I foldwhich most of them were born. I folded my letter up and looked at Banito, whereupon he gave a short laugh and darted off up the hill. Just at the top, where the road winds out of sight round a shoulder of the hill, with the shadow of a live call tree live and tree live call tree live and tree li could hold the divine record, no monu-ment that human hands might rear would fitly celebrate the unutterable dark figure between the blue sky and the reddish-yellow road. Nothing else to be seen except the live-oak tree with its spot of black shade. splendor of the act. What we can do, and what we all should glory in doing, is to keep alive the sweet and sacred memory, with all its kindred growth of gratitude and affection, as the first and dearest duty of our lives. It should be till up which Banito had fled so quickly, then I saw him curled up in the limbs of the live-oak peering down at me with a half-shy, half-saucy smile.

"Come down and let me draw a picour proudest consciousness ten years hence to feel that the sentiment is as fresh and living as it was when we cried out in our sorrow, and the North, throughout its length and breadth, sent back the thunder of her magnificent recamp, and understand English quite sponse. It should be our sorest shame well.) He laughed and turned his head to feel that we had ever once forgotten sharply, but I knew he would or been unfaithful to the lesson of that

apotheosis of fraternal love and kind-ness. In all this we refer especially to the North and West. Our own people in the South have been full of sympathy and good works. The Town of Montdle of the road and walked on slowly, as if waiting for him.

"There is a big shade down there."

He pointed to the slope of the hill where another live-oak leaned his dark, twisted trunk away from the wind. All the trees lean the same way, for the same untiring steady wind blows for months and months over these hills. Their boughs are trimmed, on the under-side, as smoothly as the top of a hedge, as far as the kungry cattle can reach. I made myself comfortable in the "big shade," and began sharpening a pencil. Banito made himself comfortable in the sun, pulling at the comfortable in the sun, pulling at the sun that for granted. It is the gladness and the surprise and the gratitude of finding that the North claims brotherhood also that makes the pleasantest and most acceptable feature of the thing we are discussing. That everycomfortable in the sun, pulling at the thing we are discussing. That everycomfortable in the sun, pulling at the dry bunches of sage-gr. ss, and looking at me from the shadow of his hat-brim with those queer, dubious glances.

If the camp-children had been robins in spring, and we the first ripe cherries, they could not have found us more quickly, or flocked more gayly and noisily about us. There were muchachos from the Mexican camp—every shade of brown and yellow—there were rosy, saucy, irrepressible Cornish youngsters. I tried to keep them near me, so my shy little model might be undisturb.

ed; but one ruddy-brown Mexican boy
—cheeks the color of a russet apple in
October—stole behind him and pricked the thing to be acknowledged. That, of course, can not be until the North shall Catching my eye, he plunged back fall into as evil strait as ours has been and we shall come as eagerly and lovingly to the rescue. We can not bring I asked his name, and Banito said it ourselves to hope for that, and so must was his brother, Francisco, and that he was "very bad;" but he laughed as he said it. Then I remembered his face as be content with declaring that in our hearts we feel, what language can not frame or pen express, the full meaning and significance of the North's superb manifestations in our behalf. More one of a flock of six that crowded round me one day when I sat making a sketch than that, we shall keep that feeling warm in our breasts as long as the life blood pulses there, and teach our children to hand the story down the coming years. Words seem poor and all inadequate in treating such a theme as this; yet we know that if the North brethren here it would understand that the seed has been sown in fertile soil and that the harvest will be a blessing did, and he smuggled in among his

#### and a glory to mankind. A Beer-Drinking Horse.

It is argued by those who desire an excuse for using alcoholic stimulants that it is a taste natural to man, and distinguishes man more than any thing who has himself tested the matter, asserts that cats, dogs, horses, birds and all animals upon which he has made the experiment grow fond of alcoholic stimulants from frequent use. One instance which he relates is of a horse which learned to drink beer. He says: "One day when I was riding in a hired carriage near to Canterbury, the horse stop-ped short at a wayside public house. I asked the driver what that was for. 'The horse,' said he, 'always stops here for his beer; he wouldn't go by there" was-where she had lived before on no account; you couldn't whip him by, sir, till he has had his beer. His former master taught him to drink beer, and invariably treated him to it in this Banito had been very still for some time, and his face began to droop as if house, and he'll stop till he gets it.' It he were tired; so I hurried with the sketch. The children, hearing the was the fact. A large tankard of beer was brought out for that horse, and he eavy wheels of the stage rattling up disposed of the fluid with as much relish as his master, and then went his way. 'It's a shame,' added the driver, dogs and other noisy live-stock of the but young fellows from London, who like a joke, and who also like beer themselves, will sometimes give him a lot and make him very drunk. Then he is awkward to drive, and bad for two or "Two bits" represents a large share of the joys of this world to an Almaden three days afterwards, and we have to give him more beer to keep him up, which costs a lot." He facetiously reboy. For two bits you can get of Costa —the vegetable man-a ripe, spicy musk-meion as big as your head, or a marks that overworked oxen (and streetcar mules) should have "bourbon' watermelon twice as big, or a hatful of peaches, or a double handful of fresh put into their drinking-water to keep

#### ville Courier-Journal. The Room in Which Washington Died. The room in which Washington died

them up and make them lively .- Louis

is over the library at Mount Vernon. Window sashes down to the floor slide into the wall and open on a balcony where he enjoyed many a gaze at the surrounding scenery. The bed is a fac simile of the one in which he died, and was owned by him. The original long since fell a victim to the passion for den movement, they will slide off as swift and silent as a shadow. They are utterly deaf—even a pistol-shot fired close to one's head would not disturb his immovable stillnes if he saw noth- his death and never left, even to obtain her meals, until she followed him eighting to alarm. They seem to have a kind of sensitiveness under the rough, dark skin; light finger-touches on the Wisconsin, Mrs. Mitchell, has fitted it head will soothe them to sleep, and they up in fac simile at her own expense head will soothe them to steep, and they are easily tamed into a dull, passive having each article copied in Pariscompanionship.—Mary Hallock Foote, Eveu the hangings of the bed and ebony companionship.—Mary Hallock Foote, in St. Nicholas for December. work box and vases are reproduced The small triangular washstand which occupies one corner is the only original dies kissing each other is like an em- piece of furniture in the room. A small round hole in the bottom of the door doing unto each other as they would was made for the convenience of a favorite cat, which came and went at its own sweet will. The one dormer window commands a view of the tomb, and Mich., claims to have invented and suc- it is thought was the cause of Mrs. cessfully applied an electric engine for Washington selecting the room - Cor.